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Motorcade Escort Begins Hoonah Officers' Journey Home

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – A police motorcade will escort the remains of slain Hoonah Police Officers Sgt. Anthony Wallace and Officer Matthew Tokuoka through Anchorage Tuesday morning to start the final journey to Hoonah for the two officers. The U.S. Honor Flag will accompany the remains as they travel from Anchorage to Juneau and finally to Hoonah for the fallen officers' memorial service on Wednesday.

The motorcade will start at 9 a.m. at the Anchorage Crematorium located at 3804 Spenard Road in Anchorage. The procession will travel along Minnesota Avenue, International Airport Road, Jewel Lake Road and arrive at the Signature Air Hangar on the East Ramp of the Ted Stevens International Airport. From there, the remains and Honor Flag will be flown to Juneau. The flight is expected to leave at 10 a.m. and arrive at the Alaska National Guard hangar in Juneau at noon. The remains and Honor Flag will stay in Juneau overnight under the care of a police vigil at the Alaskan Memorial Park and Mortuary at 3839 N. Riverside Drive. The U.S. Honor Flag will flown for a short period of time over the Capitol in Juneau on Tuesday in recognition of the two Hoonah officers and U.S. Customs Agent Charles Collins, who died earlier this summer. On Wednesday, the remains and Honor Flag will be delivered by an Honor Guard to an Alaska Marine Highway System ferry bound for Hoonah. The ferry is scheduled to leave at 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday.

Different Honor Guard details will also receive the remains and the Honor Flag at the Signature Air Hangar in Anchorage, the National Guard hangar in Juneau and finally in Hoonah on Wednesday.

In Hoonah, the final procession starts at 2 p.m. at the ferry terminal and ends at the site of the memorial service at the Hoonah Junior/Senior High School's new gymnasium on the Garteeni

Highway. The memorial service starts at 2:30 p.m. and is expected to last up to two hours. Speakers will include Governor Sean Parnell, Department of Public Safety Commissioner Joseph Masters, friends and family members of the two officers if they choose to speak. A reception will follow the service.

A PDF file of the funeral program can be found on the Public Information Office website at:
<http://www.dps.state.ak.us/PIO/releases/resources/Hoonah%20Memorial%20Program/>

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